



## BY THE KING:

*His MAJESTIES Offer of Pardon to the Rebels now  
in Armes against Him.*



HEREAS an Aſſaill and Open Rebellion is raiſed, and ſeverall Armies marching againſt Vs, under the Command and Conduſt of *Robert Earle of Eſſex* and other perſons under his Commiſſions and Authority, who falſely pretend that what they doe, is, by vertue of Our Authority, and for Our ſervice, and ſo ſeduc many of Our weak Subjects from their duty and allegiance, into this horrid and odious Rebellion againſt Vs; We doe therefore declare the ſaid *Robert Earle of Eſſex* and all ſuch who by any Commiſſion under him have leaved or doe command any Souldiers, to be guilty of High Treason, and that this Rebellion is raiſed to take away Our life from Vs, to deſtroy Our Poſterity, to change the bleſſed Proteſtant Religion eſtabliſhed by the Lawes of the land, to ſuppreſſe the Law of the Kingdome, and to take away the Liberty of the Subject, and to ſubject both to an unlimited Arbitrary Power. And We doe therefore will and command all Our loving Subjects upon their Allegiance and their Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, that they apprehend the ſaid Earle of *Eſſex*, and all ſuch who by vertue of any Commiſſion under him have leaved or doe now Command any Souldiers in any places of this Kingdom as guilty of High Treason. And to any common Souldiers ſo raiſed, We doe grant Our free and generall Pardon, as to Perſons ſeduced by the cunning and falſhood of the Authors of this Rebellion, if ſuch Souldiers ſhall diſband within fixe daies after the publiſhing of this Our Proclamation, ſo they commit no Hoſtile Act in the mean while againſt Vs. And if ſuch Souldier or Souldiers, ſhall within that time apprehend and bring before Vs, or any officers of Our Army, the bodies of any of the Commanders or Officers now in Rebellion againſt Vs, he and they beſides their Pardons ſhall receive ſuch liberall rewards by Penſions or otherwiſe as their ſeverall ſervices in reſpect of the qualities of the Perſons ſo apprehended ſhall deſerve. And if any Commander or Officer of any of the Armies now in Rebellion againſt Vs, ſhall within foure dayes after this Our Proclamation publiſhed, being convinced in his Conſcience of his damnable offence, againſt God and Vs in aſſiſting this odious Rebellion, returne to his Allegiance and repaire to Our Army, and commit no hoſtile Act in the mean while againſt Vs, We ſhall not only pardon him, but ſo farre employ him as his quality and demeanor ſhall deſerve; Except all ſuch perſons whom We have before excepted in Our Declaration of the twelfth of the laſt Auguſt. And We doe hereby require all Our loving Subjects of what Degree or quality ſoever upon their Allegiance, and as they tender the cauſe of God (the Proteſtant Religion being invaded, and threatned to be rooted up by Anabaptiſts, Browniſts and Atheiſts) of Vs and Our Poſterity (Our life being ſought after by this Rebellion) and of Themſelves (the Law and Liberty of the Subject being in apparent hazard to be ſubjected to an Arbitrary Lawleſſe power of a few Schiſmaticall, factious and ambitious Perſons) to aſſiſt Vs in Perſon, or with the loan of Mony, Plate and Horſes in this Our great neceſſity. And We doe farther declare to all Our loving Subjects, that as We have and ſhall take all poſſible Care to prevent the Sufferings of Our good people by the Souldiers of Our Army, ſo what ever preſſures ſhall unavoidably fall upon them by reaſon of the violence offered unto Vs in ſeiſing and detaining Our own Mony and Revenue from Vs, We doe promiſe in the word of a King to ſatiſfy them for the ſame as ſoon as God ſhall enable Vs. And the better to encourage Our good Subjects to aid and aſſiſt Vs in this Our neceſſary defence to which their duty to God and Vs obliges them, We doe Declare that whoſoever ſhall looſe his life in this Service, the Wardſhip of his Heire ſhall be granted by Vs without Rent or Fine to his own uſe, And We ſhall hold Our ſelfe obliged to take all poſſible Care for the Support, Reliefe and Protection of all their Wives and Children, who ſhall have the hard fortune to dye in this Service.

*Given at Our Court at Edge Hill this . 24<sup>th</sup> day of October in the Eighteenth yeare of Our Reigne.*